

S.N. 09/431,760
WEISSMAN ET AL.

ATTY. DKT. 65502-273329

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 and 36 (and the claims depending therefrom) in the present application are in condition for allowance. Applicant's attorney further thanks the Examiner for participating in a lengthy teleconference regarding claim 18. Applicant has amended claim 18 in accordance with the Examiner's comments and respectfully submits that claim 18, as amended, is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Allowance of all claims at an early date is earnestly requested.

Applicant's attorney respectfully requests an interview with the Examiner handling the present patent application in the event that this case is not now considered to be entirely in condition for allowance.

If it should be determined, for any reason, that an insufficient fee has been paid, please charge any insufficiency to ensure consideration and allowance of this amendment to the present application to Deposit Account No. 03-3975.

Respectfully submitted,

PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP

Date: May 29, 2002By: James M. Wakely

James M. Wakely
Registration No. 48,597
Attorney for Applicant(s)
725 South Figueroa Street
Suite 2800
Los Angeles, CA 90017-5406
Telephone: (213) 488-7100
Facsimile: (213) 629-1033

B